

HAMPTON BEACH VILLAGE PRECINCT
MEETING
March 11, 2009

Present

Gary Kubik, Chairman & Commissioner
Chuck Rage, Commissioner
John Gebhart, Treasurer

Chairman Kubik called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Chairman Kubik introduced the members of the Board.

Chairman Kubik offered condolences to the family of Bill Bird, a long time business owner who recently passed away.

Richard Reniere, 29 Highland Avenue, and Moderator, came forward. He reminded everyone of the Precinct Annual Meeting which will take place on Friday, March 27th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Station. Voting will be from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Station. Residents may register to vote on March 21st from 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Fire Station or on the day of the election.

Fireworks Update

Chairman Kubik said there are currently 16 shoots scheduled for this summer. This includes New Years Eve. He said it may be necessary to make an adjustment by possibly cutting two of those shoots. Chris Silver, Hampton Fire Chief, said that with the default budget, there is money for 14 shoots only and there is also uncertainty about funding from the state.

Chairman Kubik said the advertising has already been done for 16 shoots. Chief Silver said permits have also been obtained. Commissioner Rage suggested that it might be possible to get donations for the New Years Eve shoot. Chief Silver said they would probably have to make arrangements for a detail.

Chairman Kubik suggested leaving the number of shoots as they are and working on this issue during the next month.

Chief Silver said that the Fire Department now expects to remain in the present building at the beach for the next few years. He said he was planning on doing some building maintenance and asked the Commissioners if they could work together on this project, perhaps helping with the cost of new shades for the meeting hall. Chief Silver said that

some security procedures for evening meetings should be established. Chairman Kubik said the Precinct would take care of the new shades for the meeting hall.

Marketing Report

John Kane, Marketing Director, said he wanted to thank the Commissioners and the Fire Chief for working so hard to get the extra fireworks shoot.

Mr. Kane said the brochure is now available. He showed an example. This has gone to many locations and has been handed out to real estate agents and open hotels. If anyone needs any of these brochures, they are available at the Chamber, local realtors and the Coffee Break Café. The brochures have schedules for all events taking place at the beach during the summer. The Visitors' Guide is also available and the Calendar Event will be coming out later.

Entertainment Report

Jack Knox said that all artists invited to perform at the Sea Shell receive a letter outlining everything they need to know, parking, etc. They also receive the following regarding stage announcements and information:

- The 30-minute break between your sets is **very important**. It is used to stimulate the audience to spend time and money with the merchants across the street. Please encourage your audience to do so.
- Please make the following announcements during your performances!
Acknowledge and thank the Commissioners of the Hampton Beach Village District for funding this series, and thank the New Hampshire Division of Parks and Recreation, the Hampton Area Chamber of Commerce and the merchants for their support.
- New for the summer of 2009 is "Monday Family Night Movie" on the Beach commencing at dusk adjacent to the Children's Playground sponsored by local businesses and the Hampton Beach Village District. It is just one more reason to bring the family to enjoy Hampton Beach.
- Please ask your audience to help keep the seating area clean.
- All performers need to be mindful of the music volume. Please make adjustments as they are requested.

On the advice of Doc Noel, Mr. Knox said he contacted Rico Barr who has a terrific musical group. Rico said he would very much like to perform at the Beach. Rico asked if it would be possible to have one of the Idol prizes be a paid performance with his band.

Mr. Knox said he is working with Tops in Blue for another August performance. Sponsors to pay for rooms for performers have already been obtained.

Nancy Stiles, State Representative, came forward and said that the delegation is working very hard to make sure the Beach project goes forward. There are amendments being considered for the capital budget.

Beautification Report

Linda Gebhart said the Valentine Tea was very successful with 25-30 people attending. She said the Town Report book has a report on the Beach Beautification efforts.

Linda said she had met with Blue Ocean and was given samples of a little clipon ashtray and a combination doggie treat and baggie with educational information. These items could be used to discourage trash and waste being left on the beach. Ms. Gebhart said the State website says dogs are not allowed on Hampton Beach and people need to be aware of this.

Chairman Kubik said he will be meeting with Brian Warburton and they will be talking about dogs and horses on the beach.

John Kane said there are different regulations concerning dogs for certain sections of the Beach which belong to the Town.

Geannina Scanlan said there will be a workshop on rain gardens on Thursday, March 12th, at the Police Station. These gardens help trap pollution.

Ms. Scanlan said she and Tom McGuirk are the Beachscape representatives for the Hampton Beach Area Commission. They are looking at signage and at other ways to improve the appearance and friendliness of the Beach. She asked that she or Tom be contacted by anyone with ideas.

Chairman Kubik asked about the banners. He said June White asked him to mention the banners on the west side. He talked with business owners and that is not a good idea because they would block a lot of business signs.

Ms. Scanlan said it is time to get a letter started to Mr. Warburton, DRED and Unitil regarding banners for the Sea Shell.

Old Business

Chairman Kubik said that the somewhat warmer weather had brought a lot of people out and even though the playground is closed, some individuals did get in. It is important that no one enter the playground until it is officially opened in April weather permitting.

New Business

Ms. Scanlan said that the Earth Day event is being planned. She is working on a committee to plan activities. On April 19th, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. there will be a walk with a pledge to do something positive for the environment every day. Children from the middle school might be involved. The walk will be from Bicentennial Park to the Ashworth Hotel.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Commissioner Rage, seconded by Chairman Kubik, to approve the Minutes of February 11, 2009.

Vote: 2 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Mr. Kane said he is very concerned about the backup on the bridge on weekends. This is going to cost business. Chairman Kubik said he thought it would help if there were a person on the bridge to control traffic.

Closing Comments

There were no closing comments.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Rice
Secretary